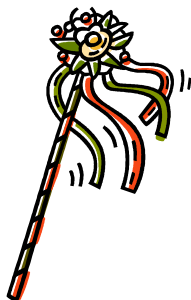


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Training Dates for May & June

Now that Britannia House has closed, all training offered by LASI Aspire (apart from that delivered directly in-school) will be held in the Management Development Centre at the Marriott Hotel, Eagle Drive, Northampton NN4 7HW. For a map and directions, click on www.marriott.co.uk

GC1/11: Governor Induction Part 3 – Introduction to Governors & Accountability and Reporting: 23rd May 6.30pm – 8.30pm

GD1/11: Safeguarding Children: 20th June 6.30pm – 8.30pm

GB5: Governor Induction Part 2 – The Governor as a Critical Friend/Monitoring and Evaluation 22nd June 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Re-scheduled training

Unfortunately it was necessary for us to cancel the Managing Allegations training at short notice on Monday 9th May. Can we take this opportunity to thank governors who were booked on this course for your patience and understanding. We will be in contact with delegates directly with an alternative training date as soon as our trainer/colleague returns to work.

To book training

Booking governor training is simple - website: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cpd to review what is available, then e-mail: cpd@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Each delegate is sent a confirmation letter detailing the course, venue, time etc. which is sent to your school.



Please note that the cost of your training will be dependent upon whether your school has taken out membership to LASI Aspire or has invested in Early Bird, or is an independent school or an Academy.

“Free Training”

Schools that have bought into LASI Aspire via membership are entitled to governor training at no charge:

Induction training

Induction training for governors who have come into office since September 2010. The training

now consists of x3 sessions which delegates can attend at any time or order, throughout the year.

The modules are as follows:

- Part 1: Introduction to school governance/Introduction to Roles and Responsibilities
- Part 2: Introduction to the Governor as a critical friend/Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation
- Part 3: Introduction to Governors' accountability/Introduction to reporting

Governors should attend all three sessions to complete their induction

Taking the Chair training

This is now delivered as four sessions:

- Working with the Head teacher
- Working with the Governing Body
- Leading and managing/Supporting Strategic Leadership
- Ensuring Accountability

This is a module based training programme that aims to equip each Chair or prospective Chair with the broad knowledge required to fulfil the duty of the Chair of Governors. It focuses on the key areas of responsibility and gives each delegate the opportunity to learn of examples of good practice from other Chairs.

School-based Governor Training

This is in addition to the core training programme, governing bodies often feel that training has more impact when it is tailored to the needs of their individual school.

School-based training can be delivered by specialist trainers in their fields, to the whole governing body at a venue and a time that is convenient to you.

Courses include:

- Ofsted: Preparing your school for inspection
- Financial management in schools – your school budget
- Understanding your school data – RAISE online and Fischer Family Trust
- Dealing with pupil exclusion

- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Improving your effectiveness as a governing body
- Children's Centres – understanding the accountabilities of the governors

Governor Training Evenings

Since that start of April we have changed the way in which we deliver governor training. If you attend a scheduled training course at the Marriott Hotel, you'll find that there will be two or three alternative training courses being delivered at the same time. These evenings will be hosted by Teresa Elkin & Esther Bushell who will be on hand to answer questions or queries posed by governors.

Our intention is to bring a "human face" to the team who send out electronic information and this will be a great chance to share your news and views directly with the team. We encourage governors to meet with Teresa and Esther who will be on hand whilst training is being delivered in adjacent training rooms.

For dates of the training evenings, please go to the list of governor training courses at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors dates are available until March 2012.

E-certificates

Certificates of Attendance are awarded to governors who attend all sessions of a training course. Governors are encouraged to retain these as evidence of attendance for either the school bursar or Ofsted.

However, some governors find it hard to retain these in a convenient place, so we are planning to trial the release of e-certificates.

Following your attendance at training, please ensure that you sign the register which is returned to the Leadership and Governance team by the trainer. Certificates will then be e-mailed directly to your school. There is no requirement to print these off, they can be stored electronically by your school or by yourself.

New Governor Trainer

From 1st April the Leadership & Governance team has welcomed the newly appointed Governor Trainer: Mark Pevy.

Mark is an experienced education professional and trainer who will be delivering scheduled courses as well as in-school training. Becoming a member of the team enables Mark to keep up to date with the latest developments from central government and gain knowledge of the key priorities for the local authority. We're sure that you'll join us in welcoming Mark to the team at an exciting time of change and evolution.

Our pool of county council "internal" trainers will still be utilised and will continue to deliver courses focussed on Raise On-line, Finance, Health and Safety, Safer Recruitment, Safeguarding and Community Cohesion etc.

LASI Aspire Membership

To date, 114 schools in Northamptonshire have signed up to LASI Aspire membership, with 78 schools having bought in to the Clerking Service Level Agreement (SLA)

Of these schools, some have invested in LASI Aspire's Early Bird scheme in order to enjoy future discounts on training and consultancy from the service. The date by which you can invest in Early Bird has now passed, but for schools wanting to book training, you will be charged at the "Premium Members" rate if you have signed up to LASI Aspire membership.

However, your school can become a member of LASI Aspire at any time, but please bear in mind that the annual membership cost remains the same, whether you buy in now or later in the financial year – so the earlier you buy in, the more you save.

For more information and costs of membership, simply go to www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors For further information on the LASI Aspire package, simply go to www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors and follow the link to "Traded Services for Schools (buyback)"

Additional information about the detail of the whole package has been sent to your Head teacher and your Clerk, for distribution.

Communication

Can you please help us to keep all governors informed by cascading this newsletter or directing them to the governor pages on the county council website

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors

Don't forget to make full use of the hyperlinks within the newsletter to access more information.

Leadership & Governance team

Support and assistance is just a phone call away. The Leadership & Governance team is available to help from 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

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Please Note

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Please be aware that things are currently changing on a frequent basis.

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